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Also Insider: Brian Lara '96. New license, same old game?

Yes folks, the 'great' Amiga Action coverdisk bandwagon continues to roll relentlessly on, gathering momentum all the while with another two disks packed to overflowing with the creative talents of some of the finest Amiga programmers around.

This month sees not one but two FULL games for you to spend literally minutes playing, and both come from the hands of multi talented BPM Promotions who, despite almost every other rat deserting the fast sinking ship remain steadfastly behind Commodore's ailing 'wonder' machine.

On disk 1 is the sequel to the highly popular Wrath of Gwendor which we featured a couple of months back. Return of Gwendor is very much in the same vein and will delight fans of the original for many a long session at their Amiga. It's just as good as the original so read into that what you will.

Disk 2 is another sequel to one of our previous disks. Seemore Doolittle's Toyland Capers sees the Amiga's answer to Mario come up from his underwater antics and start capering around in Toyland. Again fans of the original are going to love this, but everyone else'll probably hate it!

Cover Disks



RETURN

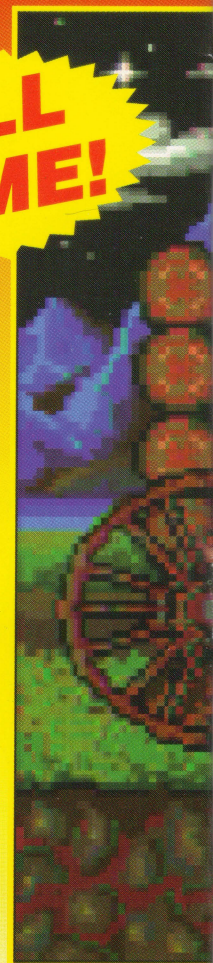
Disk 1
All Amigas

All you Wrath fans will be perfectly au fait with the inner workings of this game, because it's quite similar in many ways (well, almost identical is a more accurate turn of phrase), but remember, not all of the ever growing Amiga Action readership will have got the issue it was featured on. Therefore you'll have to forgive us for going over old ground for their benefit.

The game is entirely joystick controlled with the directions corresponding to the way er... Gwendor moves around on the screen (and with this being a sideways scrolling affair that means up to jump etc). The fire button uses whatever weapon you've got at the moment and will cut a swathe of destruction ahead of you and strike fear into the heart of anything that happens to stray into your path.

The only other thing you need to know is how to load it, and that let me tell you, is simplicity itself! Put the disk in the drive, turn on the power and Return of Gwendor will autoboot. After a couple of menu type screens you'll get the option to press F1 or F2. Press F2 and the game will load in a matter of seconds! Make sure you've got plenty of food in though because this one's so gripping you'll be locked to your computer for literally days!

**FULL
GAME!**





N OF GWENDOR (WRATH II)





SEEMORE DOOLITTLE'S TOYLAND CAPERS

Disk 2
All Amigas

Seemore's back by popular demand! Yes, you asked for it, you practically begged for it, you offered personal services for it, and here it is! The sequel to Seemore Doolittle's Underwater whatever it was called is finally finished and we've rushed it onto disk 2 just for you (displacing an exclusive demo of the top secret LucasArts Star Wars release Dark Forces by the way, but it was a question of priorities, we just couldn't fly in the face of public demand).

You probably know all this by now but... to load the FULL GAME put the disk in your drive and turn on the power. Easy eh? That's all there is to it. The game will now autoboot and, if you can contain yourselves why not press F1 first and have a quick look at the screenshots of some other forthcoming BPM releases. You know you want to.

When you're done browsing it's time to get onto the game proper and it's own 'unique' brand of shoot'em-up action which I can't be bothered

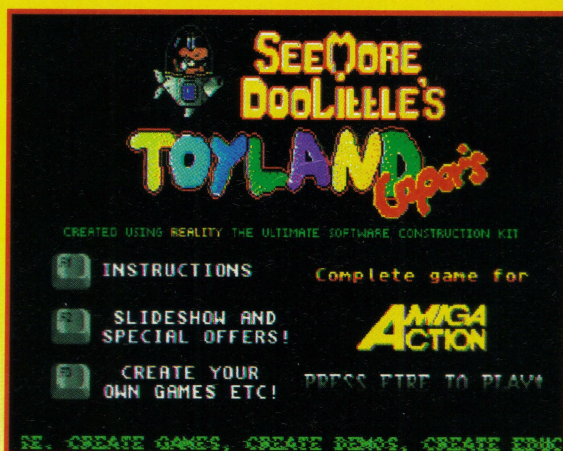
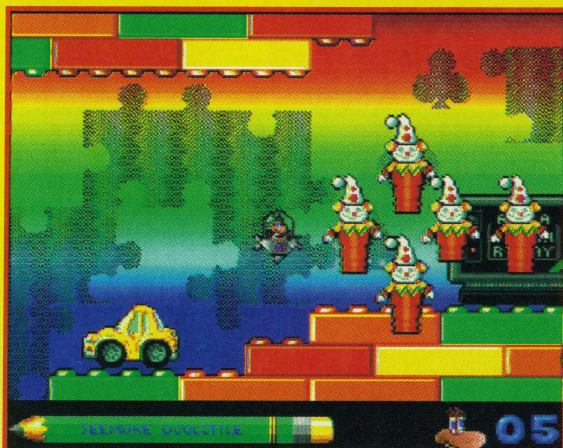
FULL GAME!

describing how to play because it's self explanatory, everyone's played a similar game a thousand times before, and if you can't work it out for yourself then you probably don't deserve the chance to play this masterpiece! Sound harsh? Ask me if I care!

Duff Disks

If you put 'em in the drive and joy is not forthcoming, If the light's not on and the drive's not humming, Then there's no real need to bother and there's no need to despair, 'Cos all you need's another and we're going to tell you where You can get it. Oh yes, you can it

Write off to TIB at TIB House, Edwards Street, Eleven is the number and you're gonna find it treat, When on your mat one sunny morning there is heard a hearty plop And you realise the posty's made a most important drop From Bradford. Yes Bradford, in West Yorkshire

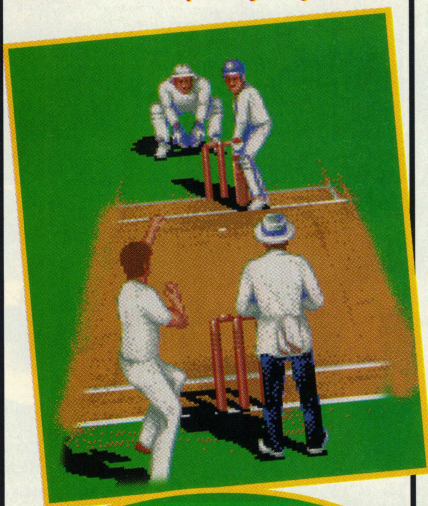


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Old Goochy's well past it these days and has had to make way for a more acceptable license

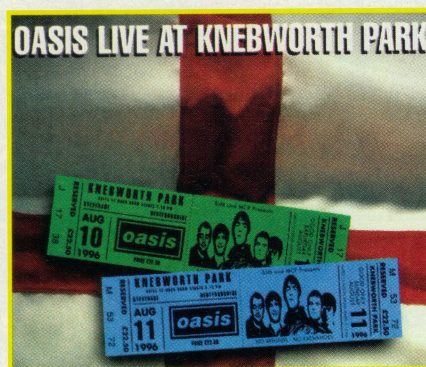
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The series may have gone downhill since the legendary days of Kick Off 2, but this is still a good footy game

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This month it's that other Anco classic Player Manager 2 that's been dug out of the AA archives especially for you!



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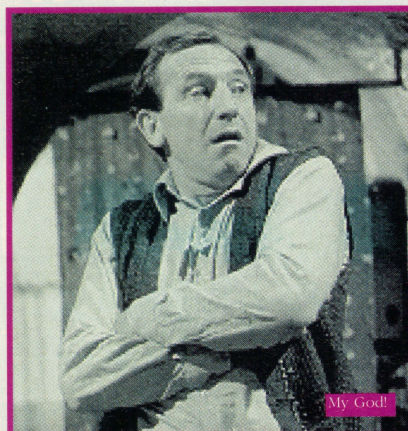
Not much news again (surprise) but we do have an exclusive interview with black sex machine John Shaft and a tonne of competitions giving you the chance to win the new Simpsons book! Plus we've got some Outer Limits and Babylon 5 videos on offer on page 16, and last but not least we've twenty copies of the new Valhalla and the Fortress of Eve to give away! For free and everything! It's an all out bonanza of all things competition like!



New(ish) Feature!

Dead Celebrity Game Guides p26

No sooner had we shovelled the last bit of dirt back onto Sid James' desecrated grave than we were off to 'exhume' the body of comic legend Leonard 'Rigsby' Rossiter so that he could continue on where Sid left off on the Beneath a Steel Sky and Operation Stealth guides. And blimey he wasn't best pleased about it. Started ranting on about black magic and somebody called Miss Jones' erogenous zones



Game Guides and that lot

Indiana Jones & the Fate of Atlantis p22

We give the Action Path the once over this month. You know, the one with loads of fighting and drinking beer in it and stuff. The one that you lot never play. Because you're all soft. Yeah, you heard me, I said you're all soft! So what are you going to do about it eh? Ooh, I'm scared!

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There can be no denying that Impression's used to put out some pretty exciting games (ooh they did) and this is one of the best. Loads of adventure on the high seas as well as loads of trading presumably. Now don't get over excited remember. It's bad for your blood pressure

Coverdisks p2

Disk 1

Return of Gwendor (Wrath II)

The immensely popular Gwendor series continues to go from strength to strength and we continue to bring you the latest instalment as soon as we get our greasy little hands on it. Loads more sword slashing excitement coupled with unrealistic animation combine to make a game that you'll be playing for weeks. Guaranteed!

Disk 2

Seemore Doolittle's Toyland Capers

Amiga Action proudly brings you yet another full game, and once again it's a sequel to one of our most popular coverdisks of recent times, Seemore Doolittle's Underwater Adventure. We know it was popular because we haven't had a single call pertaining to it being rubbish, or calling for the head of the incompetent editor.



ACTION REVIEW

SPORTS SIM



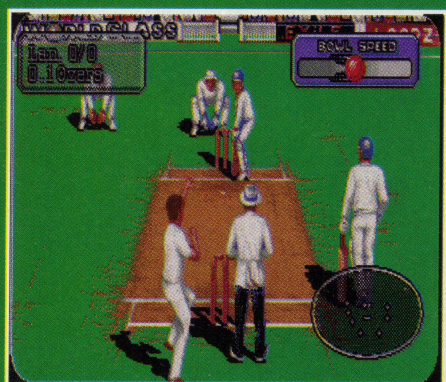
Amiga Computing boy **ANDY MADDOCK** has been drafted in to give this latest in the Gooch cricket line the once over. Never mind though.

Brian Lara's Cricket

Cricket games on the Amiga always appear to be a hit and miss affair (pun intended). It's not the fact cricket is a minority sport when compared to the likes of football and rugby, it's just that the games generally are simulations which narrows down the appeal (pun intended) by a tremendous amount by having to be an Amiga owner with an interest in the game itself. You can't just pick up a bat and slog some balls about - you've got to get into the 'boring' bit too.

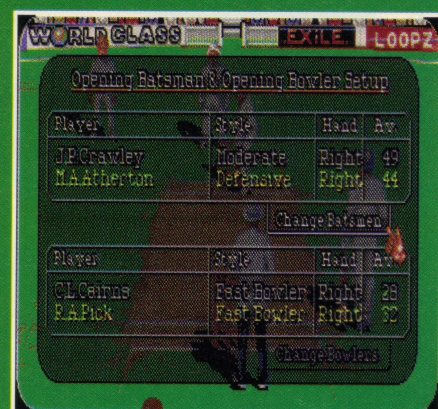
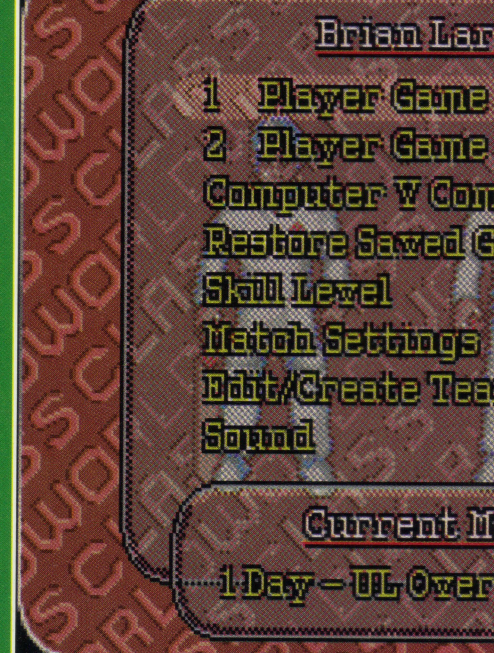
By a general consensus of opinion about the office, cricket ultimately receives the 'yawn' treatment, although having said that, the chances of an office worker getting to settle down covered head-to-toe in sun-cream while supping a pint of bitter, watching the cricket is pretty unlikely these days. You'll either have to be unemployed or retired, and as the unemployed shouldn't be wasting their benefits on cricket it all boils down to being old and wrinkly. Now, how many of your granddads own Amigas? Hmm.

Cricket is, and always will be the best alternative to football and rugby. While these two are settled just under an hour and a half, cricket takes at least a day to finish.



And while the excitement is non-stop during a football match coming out feeling unbelievably drained, cricket is a nice relaxing sport whereby you have to do absolutely nothing apart from applaud after the occasional over. It's a treat.

It's quite easy to confuse Brian Lara's Cricket with another game by Audiogenic. If you can remember Graham Gooch's World Class Cricket then you'll know it's the same game although Goochie recently retired from test cricket so a new sponsor or



endorsement was to be found, and after Brian Lara notched up his memorable 500-something runs against England, and consequently joined Warwickshire, he must have seemed a very likely candidate to star in his own game.

Actually, I now remember where this game came from. About four months ago we heard about a new Audiogenic cricket release which would be the sequel to Goochie's, and to be honest we were all expecting something completely different. Although, when the preview version finally made it's way to us it didn't have a name although it was considered to be called "Imran Kahn's Cricket", but we noticed that the number of changes were very slight and almost unnoticeable apart from the updated team and player names. At the preview stage, there is always plenty of room for improvement and change, although when we got this version we were surprised to say the least.

The first noticeable aspect was of course the title of the game. As it's called Brian Lara's Cricket we expected to see him make an appearance. Nope, the manual clearly

Cricket '96

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Cricket '96

states that due to technical problems, skin colour was to be predominantly white. Bit of a shame that as many cricket players are indeed coloured, including the entire West Indian side.

When the game began, I couldn't see any changes whatsoever. There were no graphical changes at all, but at least the game had been made harder. The computer opponent got me all out for about 15, an it consequently battered my innings in the first over, although I'm probably just a bit rubbish... Er, rusty, that's the word.

Overall, Brian Lara's offer at least a few changes to make the game far better. Firstly, there is the option to change fielding to manual control so you can finally run after the ball and choose which wicket to throw it to.

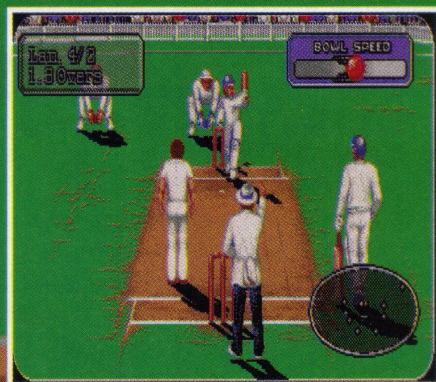
The batting is far better as it's now possible to place the ball where you actually want it to go, and by holding the fire button you can add height to your shot which makes it far more realistic. There is also an arcade mode, so all the bland averages don't take effect and your chances are increased of having a 'good knock' as the players are all the same rating. All the test and county sides are on disk together although you do have to go through a

bizarre ritual before you can use them.

And the last change is simply that it's a bit faster at loading during overs and things, although I didn't notice.

If you've played Goochie's cricket and felt there were a few bugs worth ironing out then it may be time to "upgrade" to Brian Lara's Cricket. Although I used the word "upgrade", you will have to shell out £30 which is pretty ridiculous. I feel a data disk would've been far more substantial.

So if you enjoyed the first version then my



THE LOW-DOWN

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| GRAPHICS | 80% |
| SOUND | 72% |
| PLAYABILITY | 82% |
| DIFFICULTY | Tricky |

As far as the changes go, they're fairly limited and whether this warrants a full price release is pretty debatable. The only noticeable difference is the fact Audiogenic have changed the name from Graham Goochie's World Class Cricket to Brian Lara's Cricket '96. And er, that's about it.

REVIEWED BY ANDY MADDOCK

OVERALL SCORE

72%

advice is to purchase the new one right away, it's still the best cricket game on the Amiga and will be for some time (ooh, 'cos there's loads planned! - Steve).

Exclusive Reader Offer

It's a dry barren wasteland out there in the Amiga games desert these days. Many a hardy adventurer has fallen by the wayside in the long and arduous search for an even half decent game, while plenty of others have stumbled across a handy railway station and boarded the first train to PC City.

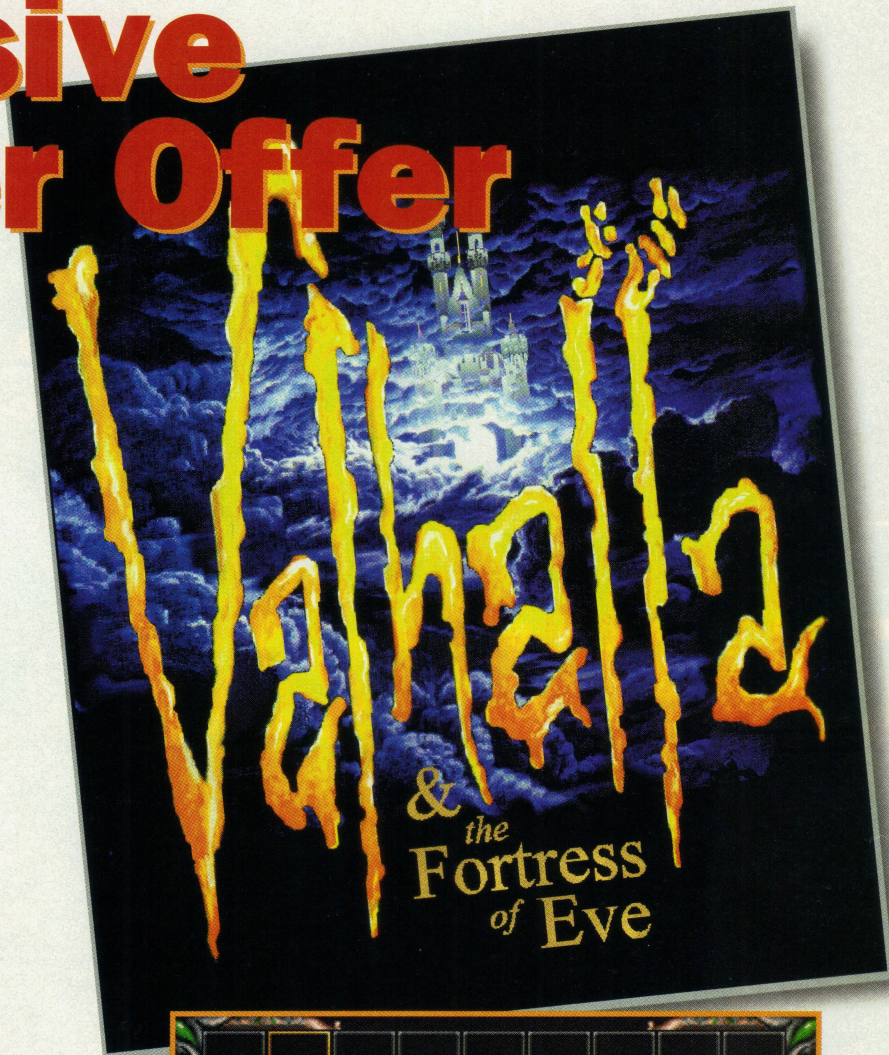
The lucky ones though found the game oasis that is the Valhalla series - guaranteed to quench the thirst of even the most dehydrated, journey weary players. Tough, enjoyable and dangerously addictive the games have always scored well in the hands of reviewers who know what they're talking about and almost everyone who's ever picked up a joystick and taken up the quest has played the game to it's distant conclusion.

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Not content with an already excessive workload **ANDY MADDOCK coins it in through yet more freelance work**

When Anco released Kick Off around 1990 the whole world was in awe and couldn't wait for the sequel. And when it finally arrived, it was even better than the first because it contained a much desired management option which had'ny yet been done on the Amiga at that time. It seemed like Anco couldn't put a foot wrong, although they had put themselves in a position where everybody knew they were going to mess up although, nobody knew when.

As we later found out, they managed to squeeze Kick Off 2 out not long after Player Manager, and it was beyond everybody's expectations. This is the point where disaster struck. Steve Screech, the man behind the graphics and sound behind Kick Off

somehow departed company with the game's programmer and designer Dino Dini. The result was absolutely abysmal.

Steve Screech went on to produce Kick Off 3 after he had promptly taken all his previous copyrights with him and his result was pretty pathetic to say the least. Dino Dini was right to go his separate way because his effort, Goal! was one of the finest football games on the

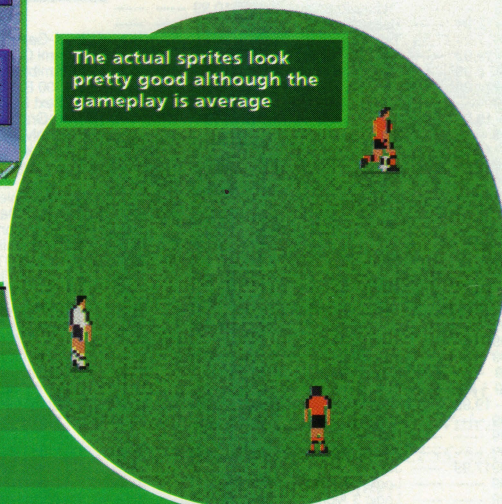
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However, Anco have gone ahead with Steve Screech's Player Manager series which was unbelievably good although the question is, has he gone too far with Kick Off '96 which has a hell of a lot to live up to.

When you get into the game after loading the three disks you are presented with 49



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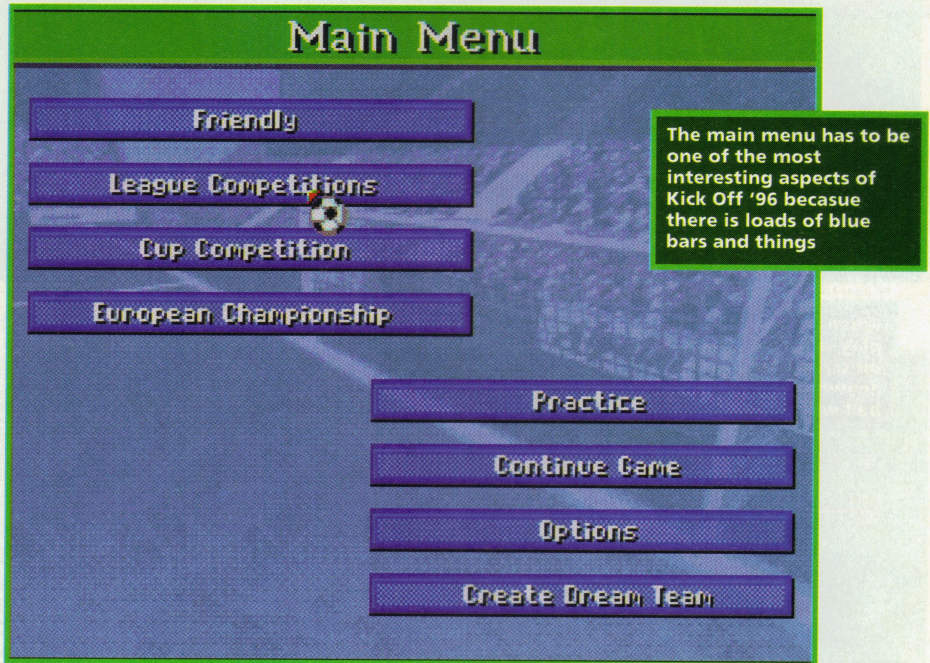
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Kick Off '96

international squads to choose from and that's not all. When most games might squeeze in about 10 or something, Kick Off '96 goes the whole hog and gives you an extra 750 clubs to choose from. So the chance to play with your favourite side is ever-present and although the data is supposed to be correct for the '96 season, the



new season will now be underway and consequently it will be out of date. To compensate, you are given the choice to edit your competitions so at least you can make up the new leagues. And that's not all, you can also select a dream team which gives you the choice to select 16 of your favourite players from all over the world so the opportunities are endless for all statistic buffs and football freaks all over the county. All these options may sound perfect and may add to the presentation aspect of Kick Off '96 but if the actual arcade playing bit is an absolute disgrace then these aren't even

worth mentioning. Before you start playing properly, you get the usual choice between Arcade and Simulation mode and most of the time you will hardly find any noticeable differences at all, and it seems that this is the case with Kick Off '96. The manual informs me that the shooting is around 20 per cent faster in Arcade mode which, ooh, makes all the difference. The Simulation mode carries suspensions for bookings and sendings off and your players can get injured, and that's about it. However, I've got to hand it to Anco.

They have managed to include as many options as possible and just about everything on-screen is configurable and can be set to your own particular preference which is all too rare nowadays.

Another feature which I suppose should be a bonus is that you have the choice of two angles to view the action from. The first is very similar to Goal! and the other is very similar to Elite's old Striker. The latter is like a 3D perspective view but I'm afraid it doesn't work at all. The angles are all wrong because if you are playing down the pitch, as you get into the 18 yard box, this huge net will appear making the players look like ants. And it's reversed at the top of the screen the net is about an inch wide

The New Season

There haven't been many football games released over the last few months, although I'm sure Kick Off '96 won't steal the crown from Sensible Software, especially as a special Euro '96 version was released around two months ago. Also, with the new season about to start, the football market should be beginning to pick up so we could see literally hundreds of decent footy games over the next few months. We can almost guarantee they'll be a new version of Sensible World of Soccer, maybe with new teams and some new additions to the gameplay. The next new football game will probably hail from Brazil as we heard news there was a new simulation brewing over there. Let's hope their programming ability is as good as their national football side.

making it difficult to score.

The main problem is the graphics, the pitch is down with vertical stripes because from a programmers point of view, it's

The 3D view can be selected from the options, and if you don't like it you can switch back to the standard 2D view. Which is nice



When the ball goes out of play, a cross-hair appears on-screen for you to place anywhere on the pitch. The ball will end up there



difficult to shift huge chunky graphics the size of a football pitch at speed in 3D. So to compensate, the pitch is made up of two shades of green rolling along. The only guidelines you have to where you are going are the white pitch markings. If you happen to stray midway down one of the wings, you won't find any, so you can't tell if you're actually running or not until the goal line approach you at about 120mph Doh!

Another problem is when you're running. If you keep the button held down to pass the ball, when you let go, the game does nothing and appears to seize up until you touch the joystick again, so it gets a bit stupid after a while as everything on-screen just stops dead.

And I'm not even going to mention the poor hissing sound which is supposed to pass as crowd atmosphere, it's absolute pants and sounds more like you monitor's about to blow up.

THE LOW-DOWN

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| GRAPHICS | 75% |
| SOUND | 31% |
| PLAYABILITY | 74% |
| DIFFICULTY | Hard |

As it stands, Kick Off '96 should be much better than it is. The option and presentation is all there, and it looks like you're in for a special treat when you find you can select a 3D view. Although, as soon as the game begins you are stuck and absolute nightmare.

It's far too difficult to control and the computer opposition are too good as they win by about 10 goals all the time, so tactics and playing styles go right out of the window. I can only recommend this game to die-hard footy fans, who are willing to go through extreme frustration just to have a kick-about.

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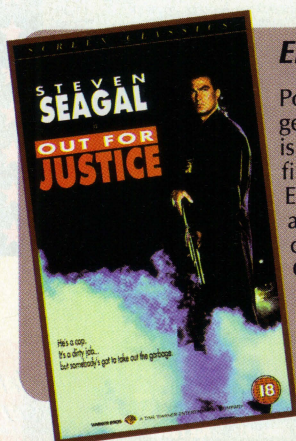
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This month, Amiga Action's pulsating lifestyle section pumps wildly with fresh new videos and an awesome selection of graphic novels and comic book goodness. Come join us for the non-games related ride of your life! Phew!



ELDERLY TOUGH BLOKE

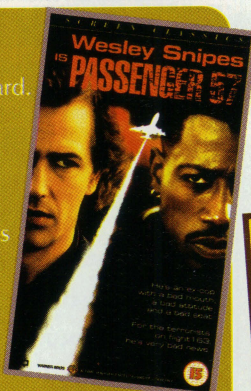
Ponytails, broken bones and tough justice - that's what you'll get when you buy Steven Seagal's latest, *Out For Justice*. He is Gino Felino, mild mannered police officer, and he's out to find the drug-crazed murderers who 'offed' his best pal. Explosive action in the middle of Brooklyn, more ponytails and many more broken bones later, big Steve, predictably, comes out on top. This is, apparently, a Warner Brothers Classic Movie, and as such it gets re-released at the low low price of £6.99. Bargain? You decide.

Out For Justice
Available: 16th September

DIE HARD ON A PLANE

Think Wesley. Think Snipes. Think *Die Hard*. Think aeroplanes. Think dodgy action movie. *Passenger 57* involves our Wesley romping around a plane doing his bit for world peace as a group of armed terrorists attempt to take control. Cue loads of witty one liners and plenty of A Team style fights and you're halfway there. It's now out to buy, if you fancy it. Or you like giving people naff Warner Brothers Classic Movie birthday presents, then this might just suffice.

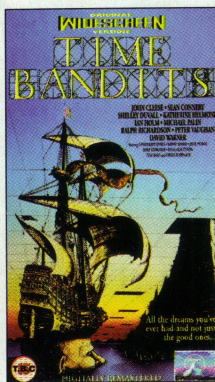
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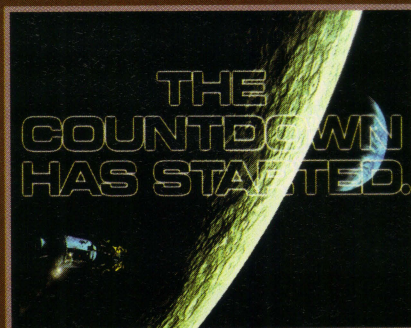
CLASSIC DWARF FLICK

Starring John Cleese, Sean Connery and a load of height-restricted actors, *Time Bandits* tells the tale of a weird bunch of time travelling dudes who take a young boy along for the ride. So to speak. They zip through time and space like men possessed and ham it all up to the max. This is Gilliam at his best. Now available in a special wide screen format for just over a tenner. Go out and purchase!

Time Bandits. Available: 19th August



SPACE TREAT



Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Bill Paxton all star in this true life tale of American astronauts. They train, they get excited, they climb aboard, head for the moon and then everything goes slightly pearshaped. They're miles from home, they're losing oxygen by the second and they are in desperate need of a life saving plan! Can the boys back at base come up with the goods? Will their oxygen supply last until they reach home? Do we care? Either way, *Apollo 13*, box office blockbuster that it is, is now out to buy and cherish forever. Or it will be, pretty darn soon.

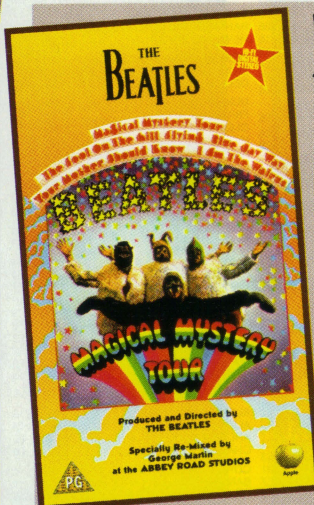
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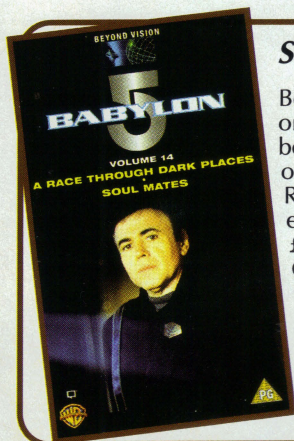
"Ooh, roll up! Roll up for the mystery tour!" Right, here I am, in 1967, bus ticket in hand, awaiting the arrival of The Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour and guess what? Yep, it's late. 29 years late to be precise, but hey, who cares? Let's all go crazy and pretend we understand what's going on in this amazingly freaky flick from the sixties. Six songs flood the film, including *On The Hill*, *Your Mother Should Know* and the awesome *I Am The Walrus*. It features many surreal gags, the sort of which must have prompted Monty Python into some kind of comedy work, and at £10.99, it's a sure fire buy for

any self-respecting Beatles lover. Hop aboard and prepare for your brain to be melted as George, Paul, John and Ringo blow your mind!

The Beatles - Magical Mystery Tour
Available: 12th August



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SPACE TREAT 2!

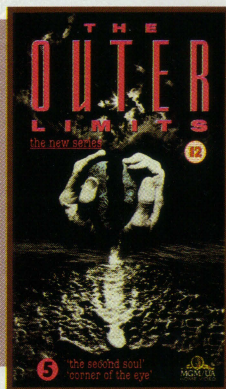
Beyond Vision's serial sci-fi collection just gets bigger. Not only do we have the Outer Limits video this month (see below) but there's Babylon 5 Volume 14 out to buy too! This one stars Star Trek's Walter 'Chekov' Koenig in the episode A Race Through Dark Places, plus an additional episode entitled Soul Mates. The video should set you back around £12.99, but if you'd rather get one for free and a copy of the Outer Limits vid thrown in for good luck, then simply answer the following question: Babylon 5 Volume 14 co-stars Bill Mumy. But which famous sci-fi adventure is Bill more famous for? Answers to the usual address, if you would.

Babylon 5 - Volume 14
Available: 2nd September

IMAGINATION HAS NO LIMITS

The new series of The Outer Limits goes from strength to strength with this latest addition to their ever-expanding collection of retail videos. Volume 5 showcases 'The Second Soul', a story about earthlings getting in contact with an alien lifeform, and 'Corner Of The Eye', a bizarre tale of an injured priest who starts visualising demons at every street corner. It's all fairly weird, and those who love the TV show can now watch these wacky treats anytime you like.

The Outer Limits - Volume 5
Available: 2nd September

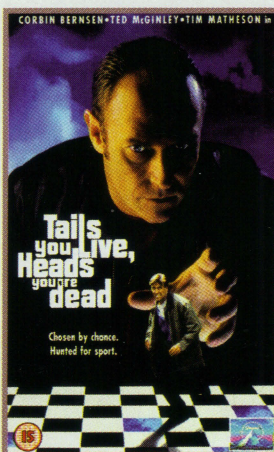


ALIEN INVASION

Tipped to be the biggest sci-fi smash since Star Wars, Independence Day is the ultimate alien invasion movie of all time. This behind-the-scenes look at how it was all made possible, has now been made available by Titan Books for the full colour paperback price of £8.99. The whole thing is jam packed with exclusive interviews with the actors, the producers, the special effects blokes - basically everybody who was involved, plus there's millions of sketches and pictures of how they set about blowing up the White House, making 15 mile wide space ships and all the other crazy stuff the makers got up to whilst working on this awesome movie. A definite must for anyone with the slightest interest in the ground-breaking action adventure!

The Making Of Independence Day
Available: Now

CRAP VID CORNER



who's fighting back against a stalker, inn L.A., or something. Anyway, it's one of those 'straight to video' sort of movies. No Oscars, vague storyline and crappy acting. Avoid! Avoid!

Tails You Live, Heads You're Dead
Available: 23rd August

This month, following last issue's amazing Beastmaster 3, we have an all-new Crap Vid in our corner. It goes by the amazing title of: Tails you win, Heads you're dead, and it stars LA Law's Corbin Bernsen. Why he bothered we don't know, all we know is that it's all about some victim

FATTY BUYS THE FARM

The original hardback edition was an instant sellout. It's just scooped the 1996 Eisner Award for the Best Limited Series at the San Diego comics convention. Now, Frank Miller's third installment of the awesome Sin City series is back - on paperback! £11.99 will see you right for an enthralling action adventure starring the hero of Sin City: A Dame To Kill For, Dwight, battling to save Old Town being overrun by the mob. He's desperately trying to keep the police and the pimps out of there too, which results in some serious blood-shedding in Miller's own visually amazing black and white artwork. It's a beauty, whatever way you look at it, so go get yourself a copy and indulge.

Sin City: The Big Fat Kill
Available: 22nd August



BATS ENTERTAINMENT!

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BATMAN: Dark Legends
Available: Now

OASIS LIVE AT KNEBWORTH PARK

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- (A) At the big Oasis bash at Knebworth
- (B) At home being sad, possibly playing with his Amiga, or
- (C) Down the pub being bored sh*tless by that old loser, Paul Roundell?

It's a tricky one we know, but look around the page and there might be a small visual clue on Steve's whereabouts that weekend. Good luck!

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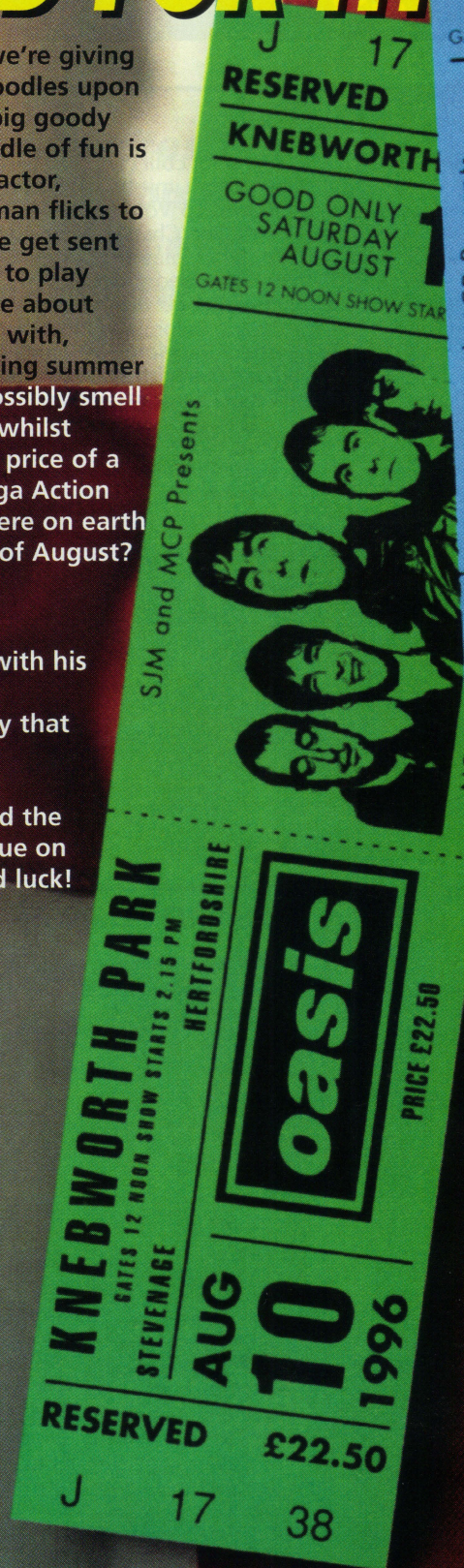
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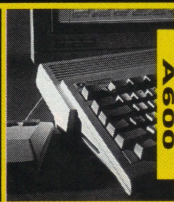
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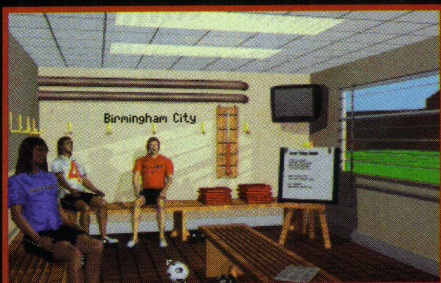
He ain't no Uwe Rosler, but Manchester City fan **PAUL MCNALLY** can hold his own with the best of them in Anco's **Player Manager** sequel

The original **Player Manager** was released ages ago – round about the same time as **Kick Off 2** in fact. Programmed by Dino Dini and Steve Screech, it differed from the usual run-of-the-mill management games in that you had the chance not only to play at being the manager, but you could take part in the matches themselves too.

Things haven't changed that much for the sequel. Dino Dini has gone and Anco is putting this one out through Virgin instead of going it alone, but the basic gist of the game is still the same.

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Player Manager



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ALAN HANSEN'S COLUMN

This looks to be like an away cert Wolverhampton may well find themselves fighting an uphill battle. A match winner today could be the experienced head of Millwall's G.Berg

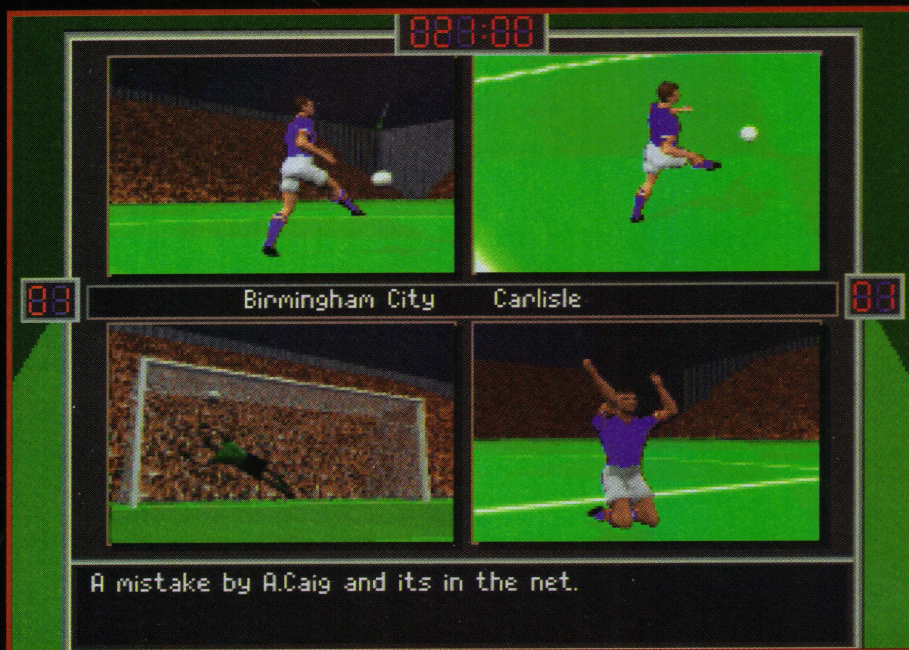


creditors of your failing sportswear business, you accept an offer of a job as player manager at one of the league's sleeping giants. There are still a few good seasons left in you, so ignoring the pain from your knees and the jeers of the crowd, you attempt to take your new team to the top of the tree.

If you're familiar with the original **Player Manager** you'll know that the actual games are played using the engine from **Kick Off 1**. I was a little alarmed that the sequel would follow suit and use the dreadful **Kick Off 3** engine for its football sections, but Anco deserve massive credit for ignoring this easy option. Instead it's made the effort to design an entirely new match section for **Player Manager 2**, and that should be applauded.

Four play

The most impressive thing about this new engine is that it allows the action to be



A mistake by A.Caig and its in the net.

All the league teams are in there as you would expect, along with the correct player and manager names

| League Fixtures | | Season 95-96 |
|-----------------|----|------------------|
| | | Wk. 1 |
| Arsenal | Vs | Everton |
| Aston Villa | Vs | Leeds United |
| Chelsea | Vs | Manchester Utd |
| Liverpool | Vs | Blackburn Rovers |
| Sheffield Weds | Vs | Manchester City |
| Southampton | Vs | Newcastle Utd |
| Tottenham | Vs | Notts Forest |
| Wimbledon | Vs | Q.P.R |

Fixtures Results Tables

| Ranked Players | | | Season 95-96 |
|----------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| | | | Mc. 1 |
| | | | Rankings |
| A. Edwards | Club | Rankings | |
| A. Hopley | Manchester Utd | 2 | |
| K. Sommer | Newcastle Utd | 3 | |
| M. Bradshaw | Aston Villa | 4 | |
| J. James | Leeds United | 5 | |
| P. Maher | Sheff Weds | 6 | |
| B. Bailey | Millwall | 7 | |
| R. O'Reilly | Manchester City | 8 | |
| N. Kelly | Arsenal | 9 | |
| H. Nixon | Blackburn Rovers | 10 | |
| A. Hilderson | Everton | 11 | |
| T. Beasant | Notts Forest | 12 | |
| H. Branson | O.F.S. | 13 | |
| R. Barrowford | Southampton | 14 | |
| L. Hooper | Liverpool | 15 | |
| A. Walker | Tottenham | 16 | |
| P. Flowers | Arsenal | 17 | |
| D. Tomlinson | Blackburn Rovers | 18 | |
| S. Andrews | Blackburn Rovers | 19 | |
| M. Rust | Chelsea | 20 | |

Kpr Def Mid Fwd

| Match Day | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Reading | | 1 | 1 |
| | | Wycombe Wanderers | |
| 1 | B. Mikhailov | 5 | 0 |
| 2 | D. Kerr | 6 | 0 |
| 3 | A. Bernal | 7 | 0 |
| 4 | T. Vanables | 8 | 0 |
| 5 | A. Williams | 9 | 0 |
| 6 | R. McPherson | 10 | 0 |
| 7 | P. Hargrove | 11 | 0 |
| 8 | M. Gooding | 12 | 0 |
| 9 | U. Hertenberger | 13 | 1 |
| 10 | S. Lovell | 14 | 0 |
| 11 | S. Taylor | 15 | 0 |
| 12 | L. Noyon | 16 | 0 |
| 14 | J. Lombard | 17 | 0 |
| Possession (C): 49 | | Possession (C): 51 | |
| Man Of The Match | | R. Williams | |

Manager 2

| HOME | | | POSSESSION | | | AWAY | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------|------------|-----------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| PERFORMANCE | | | TEAM TALK | | | PERFORMANCE | | |
| DEFENCE | 5 | | DEFENCE | 5 | | DEFENCE | 5 | |
| ATTACK | 5 | | ATTACK | 5 | | ATTACK | 5 | |
| TACTIC | 5 | | TACTIC | 5 | | TACTIC | 5 | |
| NO | NAME | IF TO | NO | NAME | IF TO | NO | NAME | IF TO |
| 1 | A. HILDENSON | 1 | 1 | A. HILDENSON | 1 | 1 | A. HILDENSON | 1 |
| 2 | P. MAHER | 2 | 2 | P. MAHER | 2 | 2 | P. MAHER | 2 |
| 3 | M. BRADSHAW | 3 | 3 | M. BRADSHAW | 3 | 3 | M. BRADSHAW | 3 |
| 4 | T. VANABLES | 4 | 4 | T. VANABLES | 4 | 4 | T. VANABLES | 4 |
| 5 | R. MC PHERSON | 5 | 5 | R. MC PHERSON | 5 | 5 | R. MC PHERSON | 5 |
| 6 | P. FLOWERS | 6 | 6 | P. FLOWERS | 6 | 6 | P. FLOWERS | 6 |
| 7 | S. LOVELL | 7 | 7 | S. LOVELL | 7 | 7 | S. LOVELL | 7 |
| 8 | S. TAYLOR | 8 | 8 | S. TAYLOR | 8 | 8 | S. TAYLOR | 8 |
| 9 | U. HERTENBERGER | 9 | 9 | U. HERTENBERGER | 9 | 9 | U. HERTENBERGER | 9 |
| 10 | D. KERR | 10 | 10 | D. KERR | 10 | 10 | D. KERR | 10 |
| 11 | A. BERNAL | 11 | 11 | A. BERNAL | 11 | 11 | A. BERNAL | 11 |
| 12 | L. NOYON | 12 | 12 | L. NOYON | 12 | 12 | L. NOYON | 12 |
| 13 | J. LOMBARD | 13 | 13 | J. LOMBARD | 13 | 13 | J. LOMBARD | 13 |
| 14 | B. MIKHAILOV | 14 | 14 | B. MIKHAILOV | 14 | 14 | B. MIKHAILOV | 14 |
| 15 | M. GOODING | 15 | 15 | M. GOODING | 15 | 15 | M. GOODING | 15 |
| 16 | C. BEASANT | 16 | 16 | C. BEASANT | 16 | 16 | C. BEASANT | 16 |
| 17 | T. BEASANT | 17 | 17 | T. BEASANT | 17 | 17 | T. BEASANT | 17 |
| 18 | H. NIXON | 18 | 18 | H. NIXON | 18 | 18 | H. NIXON | 18 |
| 19 | S. ANDREWS | 19 | 19 | S. ANDREWS | 19 | 19 | S. ANDREWS | 19 |
| 20 | M. RUST | 20 | 20 | M. RUST | 20 | 20 | M. RUST | 20 |

Team formations and tactics are fully configurable, and careful attention is needed for success

viewed or played from any one of four different perspectives. Just about every angle has been covered – excuse the pun – and as each view plays a little differently from the others, it takes time to become proficient at them all, thus extending the game's longevity.

As with the original you can either play as the whole team or just charge about in your chosen position. You can choose to play as a right back if you like, but chances are you'll want to be the star striker and knock in those important goals when they're needed. However, if you do decide to play in a forward position, you'll have to coach your team to play exactly how you want them to. After all, there's no point in standing on the edge of the box goal-hanging if your players won't welly it up to you is there?

Master tactician

Naturally then there's a comprehensive tactics editor and training schedule where you can perfect your every move down to

the smallest detail. The management aspect of Player Manager 2 is everything we've come to expect, and everything is controlled via a series of offices which can be accessed by a click of the mouse button.

The actual match sequences can be tricky to pick up at first, but once you're used to it there's plenty of fun to be had. If you're a FIFA fan then you'll be at home with the isometric view, but fans of Wembley International Soccer and Sensi are equally well catered for thanks to the overhead and side-on perspectives.

Just about everything necessary is included to make this a great game. Graphically and sonically everything is up

Here's where you choose the next game's perspective. You'll get all the relevant match details here too

| Division 2 | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| H Wolverhampton | W | W | W |
| Manager G. Taylor | W | W | W |
| Referee Mr. K. Morton | W | W | W |
| Up Pitch | W | W | W |
| Down Pitch | W | W | W |

to scratch, and the management side of things is comprehensive enough to please die-hard fans of the strategy genre. Anco should be congratulated for bringing a long-awaited sequel to the Amiga in its time of need.

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|--------------------|----------|
| GRAPHICS | 91% |
| SOUND | 79% |
| PLAYABILITY | 92% |
| DIFFICULTY | Variable |

Anco have done it against all the odds here. With the departure of Dini came the filth that was Kick Off 3 but the guys are back on form with PM2. It's possibly the most "pick-up-and-play" management game of all time. Playing as a star striker struggling to keep his new management job is tense, exciting stuff and the four different perspectives are a luxury that help add to the overall feel of things. It's a classy, well thought out game that a lot of time and effort has gone into. This game should be placed on every football fan's shopping list.

REVIEWED BY CHICKEN

SECOND OPINION

Another management game eh? Haven't seen many of these recently. Anyway, whingeing aside, where Tactical Manager 2 fails, Player Manager 2 succeeds. It's a mighty challenge all round with some pretty nifty graphics to boot.

OPINION BY ANDY

OVERALL SCORE

92%

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Fate of Atlantis: Action Path

Is there no end to our series of Indy and the Fate of Atlantis solutions? Er, well, considering this is about the 75th month running we've featured one of the many different paths to finish this game, it appears not. And there's still more to come!

Go to Monte Carlo, talk to the strangers and ask if they are Alain Trottier. When you find him he will ask you a question to which you will find the answer in the Lost Dialogue of Plato. When you have given him the correct answer he will give you his business card. Now use the taxi and go to Algiers.

Walk all the way to the left into the back alley and talk to the storekeeper. He will tell you that he isn't Al-Jabbar. Give him the business card that you were given by Alain Trottier and he will tell you to wait until he returns. Don't wait, follow him into the street. This part may take a while to complete as you have to try and follow the servant to Al-Jabbar's house. If Indy says, "Where did he go?" you should return to the market and try again until you see the servant duck into the house of Al-Jabbar. Now enter the house and walk over to the guard. This paid thug will start a fight with you.

When Al-Jabbar and his servant leave, you can search the house. Go over and pick up the pole then use it on the hanging cloth. This turns out

to be a map. Go and use the camel. You will now be in the desert where you have to head for the Nomad camps. When you arrive at each camp show the map to the Nomads. They will give you directions to the dig site. When you have arrived at the dig site, go left and head towards the ladder. This will take you to the underground site.

Search for a little metal thing and push it. This will start the generator. Go and pick up the ship rib and the wooden peg on the table. Now go left to the painting on the wall. In between the hands of the painting is a round object. Push the round object to open a secret panel which contains a stone disk. Use the ship's rib on the crumbling wall to reveal a mural, use the wooden peg with the mural and then the stone disk with the peg. Use the description from the Lost Dialogue to open a secret door. Pick up the stone disk and enter the door.

When the gun-toting guard has finished talking, use the whip on him. You will then have to fight him. When you have beaten him go to the rope and use it to climb into the balloon. Once in the balloon, head north and keep going in that direction. When you land, head towards the path on your left. This heads towards the ruins.

Go over the bridge and pick up the surveyor's instrument. Now go back

and head towards the doors. Around the area are piles of stones. Examine them and you will find that two of them are loose. Underneath are two statues, one of a bull's tail and the other of a bull's head. Place the surveyor's instrument on top of the statues in turn and use the instrument. Align the cross hairs on the tall horns. When you have done this to both statues you should have a cross on the ground. Use the ship's rib with the cross to find the moonstone.

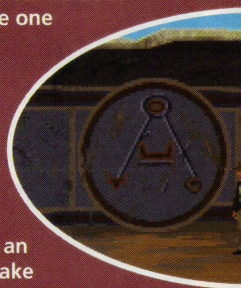
Return to the path and continue right until you find the spindle. Use the disks on this to open a secret door. Fight the soldier who comes out and then collect the disks and enter the door. Pick up two of the statue heads and enter the door. When you are through, use the whip on the statue in the next room. This will pull the statue towards you and close the gate. Go through the centre door and then through the one on the left. Now go through the door directly to the left of you and use your whip on the statue head. This will then roll down the steps. Follow it and you will step on an elevator which will take you down.

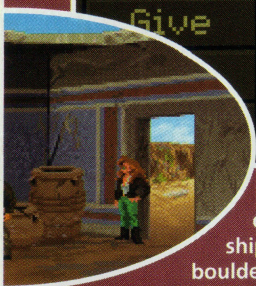
Step off the elevator and pick up the pole. Examine the waterfall to find a hidden chain and use the chain to climb up it. Go through the left door and use the three statue heads on the shelf. When the door is open, enter and go through the centre door then the right door.

Use the staff on the chock then return through the two doorways and go right. Use the staff on the mouth of the head, pick up the gold box and go back to the elevator room. Now go right. Continue to push the blocked door until it falls, enter the door and use your whip on the stone outcropping. Walk over to the stone slab and walk behind it. When the guard is in front of it, push the slab and enter the doorway which the guard came through. Fight the other guard and enter the door. There are five doors to choose from, including the one you just came through. From the doorway, count three and enter the third one.

Fight the guard and enter the doors until you appear at the top of a room with a big guard and a stalactite. Go over to the stalactite and push it. This will kill the guard. Now return to the room with the five doors in and take the door on your right. You should now appear where you killed the guard. Pick up the stalactite and enter the door in that room.

Go through the right door until you hear singing. Now enter the right





door and use the ship's rib on the boulder. This will block the door so go down the slope and give the drunken sailor the title of a song. When he lets you go, walk towards the right door and use the stalactite with the boulder. Now return to where the drunken soldier was and look at him. When you have the amber fish go through the right door and use the amber fish. This will point to the pit. Use your whip on the pit and you will now find Sophia. Return to the drunken soldier and enter the door to appear at the map room. Use the disks on the spindle and when the door opens, enter and look at the stone pointer. Now enter the labyrinth exit which will take you to Thera.

Go left into the path away from the docks. In the distance are mountains with three paths. Two of these lead nowhere and the third leads to a truck and a collapsed entrance. Look at the truck and pick up the tyre repair kit. Now return and talk to the captain. Tell him you wish to go to Atlantis and he will ask for co-ordinates to sail to. You have four possible distances and four directions to sail in. Choose where you wish to



sail to and once on the boat, open the locker and use the tyre repair kit with the diving suit. Now use the suit. Get Sophia to use the winch on you. She will lower you into the water. If you get the position wrong you will return to the dock and get to try again. When you are lowered into the water you should find Atlantis.

After the animated scene, walk towards the cave until you find the entrance. You will now be at the entrance to Atlantis.

Go down the stairs and pick up the wooden thing. Go right and use the ladder on the pile of rubble. Climb the ladder then pick it. Open the stone thing. Inside is a metal rod. Use a bead with it to produce light. Use the disks on the spindle. When the mouth of the sentry opens, use a

bead in it to open the big door. You are now inside Atlantis. When you enter you will see a view from above. Around the area are question marks. These are rooms which you can enter, but unfortunately we'll have to tell you about them next month because we're right out of space in this issue. Sorry.



High Seas Trader

Shiver me timbers, splice the mainbrace and pass the cat o' nine-tails. We've pressganged Daze into penning a player's guide to their ocean-going epic, and for a few pieces of eight and a jug of ale we'll share it with you. Har har! (Cringe)

Your goal is to rise through the ranks of the Merchants' Guild by increasing your rating in four categories: daring, honour, loyalty and nobility. You begin with the status of Peddler and if you do well enough you'll advance to Journeyman, Tradesman, Merchant, Master Merchant and finally, Viscount.

Here are a few steps that you can follow to help ease your passage through this sea-faring strategy fest.

1. Choose your nationality carefully at the beginning of the game as this will determine your home port, your relations with other ships and may prevent you from entering enemy ports if your country is at war.
2. You begin the game in your home port, and your first stop should be the tavern. Here, have a chat with the bartender - he may have some information about the international

market. (Remember, if your crew has a low morale, go to the tavern and get a few rounds in - this will cheer them up no end!)

3. You begin the game with a small number of men under your command but it will be useful to take on some additional crew members in the tavern - either soldiers skilled in combat, or apprentices who are cheap. Check the morale level of new recruits as this will affect the morale of your existing crew.

5. Make sure you use the bank to deposit some of your gold. This way if your ship is defeated you will not lose everything.

6. If you anticipate going into combat, make sure you sail with



some repair materials such as planks, so you can repair any damage at sea.

7. Begin the game with small trading runs - don't undertake long and risky voyages right away. As you progress, your savings will increase and you can hire more crew members, larger cannon and eventually bigger ships. Woohoo!

8. Your first goal should be to make as much money as you can. Then you should begin to buy treasures from dealers and purchase an estate in your home port. Check your Guild ratings in your cabin to see your progress from Peddler to Viscount.





9. Remember, with the exception of sails, lower quality ship components will be damaged more easily than higher quality ones.

10. Chain shot and grape shot have a shorter range than round shot. We're not sure how much damage you can actually inflict with a grape, but we bet a barrage of this particular fruit would cause a few stains that are difficult to get out.

11. If your ship is damaged and taking in water, unman some cannons or lower your sail. You can then assign your free men to bilge duty.

12. Taking on passengers will take up cargo space – each passenger will occupy one ton of space in your hold.

13. If you don't have enough money to upgrade your ship, an improved set of cannons is the next best thing.

14. Avoid resorting to piracy. As soon as you begin to open fire on ships from your home country or from allied nations, you will find yourself under constant fire. When your country is at war you have a patriotic duty to fight enemy ships. Pirate ships are always fair game.



15. Once you have enough money, start visiting faraway ports. The more ports you visit the higher your standing will be with the right kind of people.

16. Buy all the charts you can. Once you have one copy of every chart you will only need to buy new ones to update zones of piracy. Without charts your crew may panic and make you walk the plank.

17. Beware the scurvy dogs who try to make you transport contraband. Smugglers may find themselves in for a fight as soon as they set sail. Even if you win you may find that your associates will look down on you. On the other hand, never pass up an opportunity to help your fellow countrymen. It also pays to be kind to the poor.

18. Don't pick up any passengers unless you are already heading in their direction, or if you are just running them between close ports.

Combat Tips

If funds are tight, consider upgrading only one side of your ship. Always keep that side to the enemy from then on.

Don't be afraid to run from a fight if you are losing or unarmed.

When you are starting out you might consider selling off your cannon, ammo and repair supplies so you have some extra cash and room in your hold. Remember that smaller, lighter ships are faster than larger, heavier ones.

Make sure there is at least one unit of small arms for every member of your crew. This way if you get boarded you will have a good chance of survival.

Also, remember a soldier with a gun is four times more effective than an unarmed apprentice.

If you want to attack and plunder other ships, use chain shot for your cannons. This will rip your victims sails so you can easily board and plunder the cargo. Round shot will destroy the hulls and sink the booty.

Crew Management

Maintain as large a crew as you can afford. Keep an eye on your supplies, particularly your rations. Also, remember that fruit spoils over time so stock more of it than other rations.

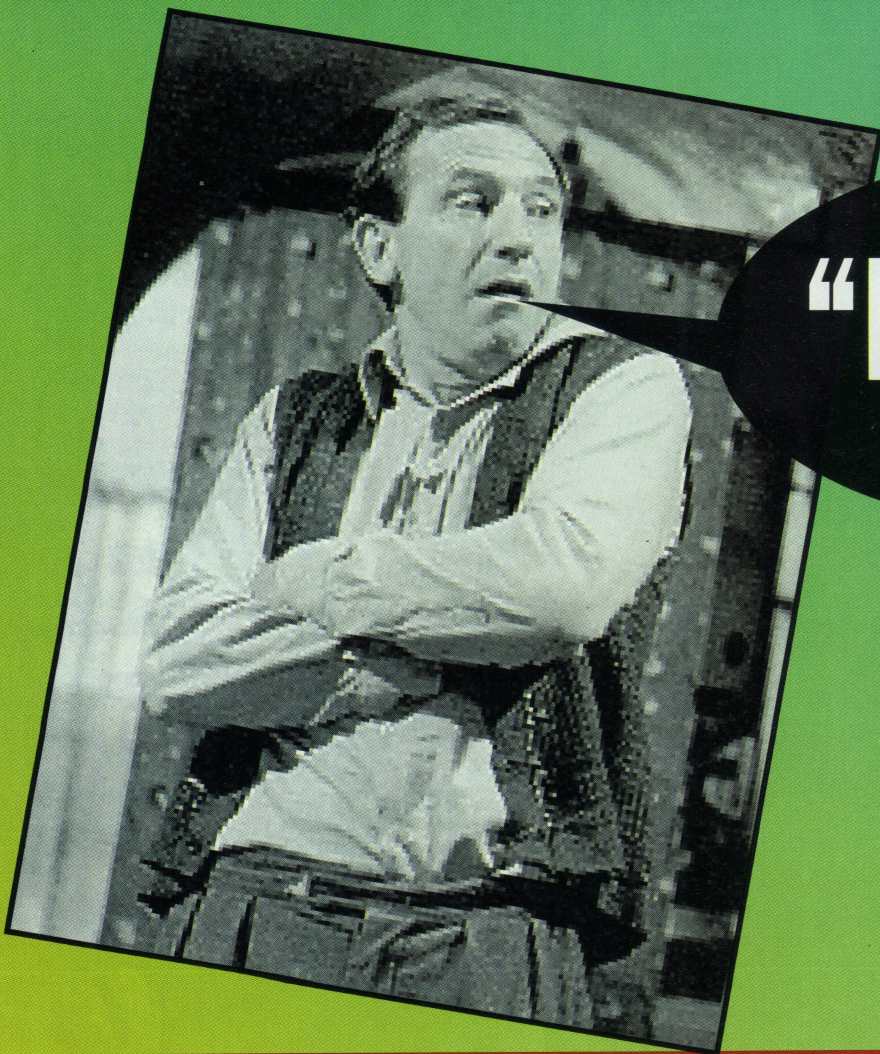
Keep an eye on your crew's health and happiness. Give them a good supply of rum or buy them drinks at a tavern to keep them happy. If their health and morale are low, boost rations. Make sure you stay in chartered waters or morale is doomed.

Making Trading Decisions

Listening to the bartender may lead to big profits. If you notice low numbers on your trading log, it's a fair bet that an event is affecting that area. Unusually high prices at a single port may indicate a pirate raid. Keep an eye on that all-important cash-flow situation – while you're thrashing out the perfect business deal you still have bills to pay.

Concentrate on selling specific high price items once you have built up some money. Such products cost a lot but will usually bring a nice price if bought and sold at the right ports.





"My God!"

**Cel
from
Beyo**

My God! Some people just won't leave you alone. There I was, lying in my coffin, thinking about Miss Jones and stroking Vienna, when those louts from Amiga Action come and dig me up to write two pages of adventuring tips. What's the world coming to? If I didn't know he was dead too, I'd say that long-haired layabout of a lodger from upstairs was behind all this. I never did trust him... shifty eyes. I wouldn't put it past that other one either. In fact I'm surprised he didn't dig me up as soon as he felt hungry. That's how they do things back where he comes from you know... oh yes. Dead at half past two, chef's Graveyard Special by seven o' clock.

Come on, let's get this over with then...

Operation Stealth (Second & final part)

IN THE CAVE

To escape from the cave, OPERATE the stones on the ground and USE the ropes on the metal object, OPERATE the ground to find the pick-axe, then OPERATE the pick-axe four times where the fresh air is coming from (to the left). This should make a hole big enough for you to walk through. This leads to the swimming section.

As long as you stay relatively close to the rocks (without getting snagged) you should get through all right. You should now appear back at the florist's.

Go to the beach in front of the hotel and USE the coins on the man to buy a bracelet. Go into the hotel and walk up to the third floor (DON'T use the lift), going into the room at the far right of the corridor. In this room you will be taken prisoner and taken out on a boat.

When you are on the boat, OPERATE the bracelet and wait until you are flung into the sea, once you hit the bottom, OPERATE the bracelet and wait for the girl to reach

the sea bed. When she does, OPERATE her and swim to the top to be rescued.

Following a brief animation sequence, there is the maze section. Try to be patient when finding your way through and save your game position as often as possible.

After leaving the maze, OPERATE the doors and go into the office. OPERATE the arm of the statue, which should reveal a safe, USE the box on the safe and OPERATE it to turn it on. THE little red light indicates the number order for the code box, for example, if the box shows a seven and the red light is on the far right, then seven is the fourth number. OPERATE the button to enter the numbers, OPERATE the box and TAKE it. The safe will open to reveal some documents. TAKE them and you will be caught a third time.

Next are a couple of action sequences, which take practice to overcome - so stick at it! Next, you should end up in a friendly sub, where you will be given some new gadgets. Following this is another swimming sequence. Avoid the sharks and swim to the sea bed where you should EXAMINE a piece of seaweed to find something hidden

underneath. EXAMINE the patch again to get some elastic, then swim as far right as possible. OPERATE the tree, then OPERATE the button and swim through the hole into the base. OPERATE the porthole, at which point (lo and behold!) you will be... wait for it... taken prisoner again!

You will be placed in a cave suspended over a tank of piranhas. USE the pen on the lock and USE the watch on both sides of the wall. Quickly shimmy over to the right and OPERATE the grille. This reveals an air conditioning system with four mazes similar to the one in the palace, so be patient and save often!

Once out of the ducts you will be in a bathroom, OPERATE the guard, TAKE his boots and his laces, then USE the laces on the guard, TAKE the napkin and USE it on the guard. TAKE the clothes and TAKE the glass from the sink.

Leave the room and go left to the exit at the bottom. Enter the room in the middle and OPERATE and EXAMINE the drawers until you find some blank stamps and laces, which you should TAKE. USE the laces on John, leave the room and go right, entering the room.

EXAMINE the clothes and TAKE the instructions, USE the glass on the fountain, OPERATE the garbage dump, TAKE the boat and leave the room. Exit at the top of the screen, where you will be asked for a glass of water, which - of course - you have. Go back up and walk left through the room, going up to the first room where the Officer is waiting. USE the full glass on the

Celebrity Guides from Beyond The Grave

With our Guides from the Grave series now in full swing, we've returned to the Sadly Missed Comic Genius section of the cemetery to charge Leonard Rossiter with the task of carrying on from where Sid James left off last month

officer and stand at the corner of the deck. TAKE the stamp, pointing to the left as you do so (this is vital). Go back to the room with the bed and the fountain and TAKE the ink-pad by the print-out, USE the stamp on the pad and USE the pad on the instructions.

Exit the room and go to the room with the security door. OPERATE the cigarette case and OPERATE the top cigarette on the list. USE the paper on the glass to reveal a fingerprint, USE the fingerprint on the panel, pass through the door and go down the passage. USE the authorised mission on the mailbox and go into the passage. USE the electric cable on the plug socket and OPERATE the razor. USE the razor on the bin, EXAMINE the bin, then USE the razor on it again. Now go through the door to meet the mad doctor.

When the island surfaces, wait for the voice from the razor to appear and USE the bottom cigarette on the computer. As soon as the computer blows up, OPERATE Otto. Once he's been done over, USE the CD on the CD player and quickly go out of the door. You should now be hanging on to a helicopter, so very quickly USE the elastic on the bomb. When you are falling, OPERATE the boat and you should fall into it. Dr Why tries to bomb you, but the elastic causes the bomb to fly back and destroy him, leaving our gallant hero to

escape to safety and get the girl in true 007 style.

Beneath a Steel Sky (Second part)

Go play the video tape you got from Lamb's apartment to distract the dog. Take the dog biscuits and leave. Go back the the elevator and the bricks. (exit lift, left) When Miss P and her mutt come around again put the dog biscuits on the plank and pull the rope. Time for the mutt to take a bath. You can now get into the cathedral. There isn't much to do in there but you will find that Anita is dead. (exit upper right (where the guard was standing), up through middle door, open middle locker) Time to go back to the reactor and investigate. (left, left, lift, right, lift, upper right, right) Open the middle locker and put on the radiation suit. Go right. Use the control panel to open the reactor and go get Anita's card from the reactor. Leave the reactor. Exit left. Put your clothes back on.

Go back to the Security building. (left, left, left, left, upper right, lift) Use the interface with Anita's card. This part is time dependant, you may want to slow down the speed. Use blind on the first eye, go right, use blind on the second eye and go up immediately. Go up, right, and pick up the tuning fork. Did you make it in time? Go left again. Use the playback on the well.

Disconnect. Go down to the park. (lift, left, right, lift, left, lift, right) Talk to the gardener/Eduardo. Talk to the boy. Talk to Eduardo again. Head to the courthouse next to the club. (left, left) Defend Hobbins.

After you help him out, go to the club (exit right by the doorman) and play the first song on the jukebox. When the owner gets up take his glass from the table and head to the implant doctor. (exit left, upper right, lift, left, left, left) Give the glass to him and he will copy the fingerprints onto you. Time to pick up something before you go to the wine cellar. Go to the shed. (exit right, right, lower right, lift, right, lower left) Look at the door. Use an id card on the lock. Go in and get the clippers (secateurs). Head back to the club (exit left, left, club door) Put your thumb on the metal plate next to the door in the upper right corner. Use the crow bar to pry open the lid of the packing case and place it on the smaller box. Climb up on the box and use your crow bar on the grill. After you make the hole use the clippers to gain entrance.

Right, now clear off. Miss Jones has just come out of the bathroom and I've got to give her door another coat of paint. I need to check the keyhole as well, in case there's something blocking it...

Next month's 'celebrity from beyond the grave' will guide you through the rest of Beneath a Steel Sky. There'll also be the first part of another walkthrough guide, and lots of weak catchphrases from the halcyon days of the British sitcom.

Swap Shop

When selling stuff through Swap Shop (and it doesn't have to be games – washing machines, cars, stolen cigarettes. . . anything goes) you can of course ask for whatever cash you like. Your chances of a response are better, however, if you keep your expectations realistic. This is the Amiga Action rough pricing guide, using 'example bundles' and assuming that everything is in good condition and machines come with a mouse/joystick.

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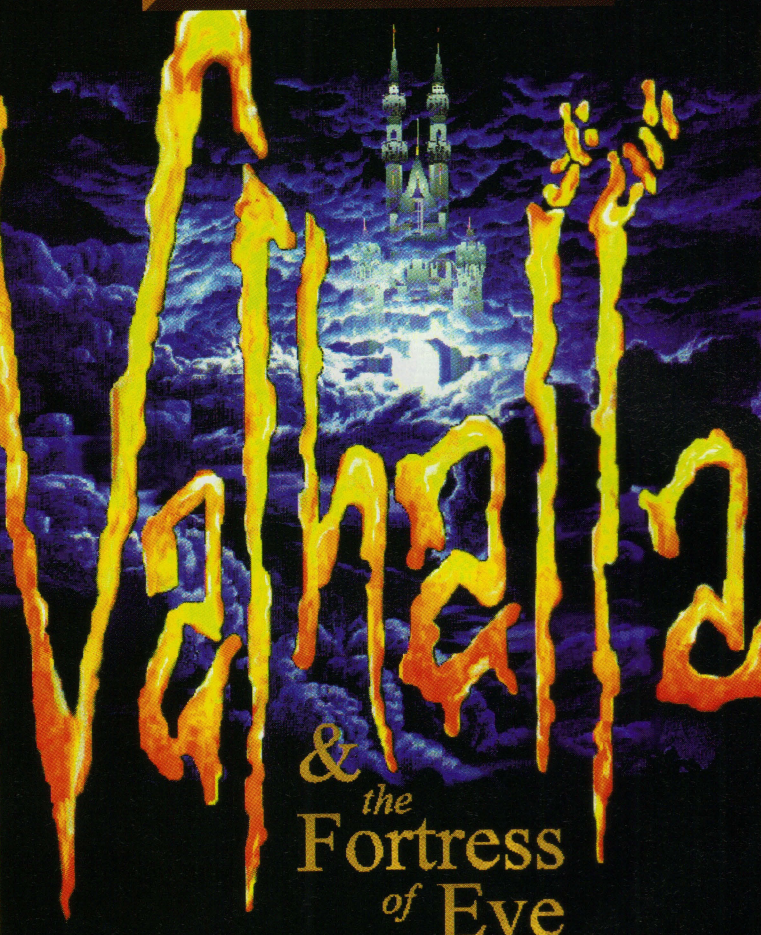
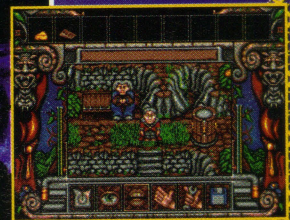
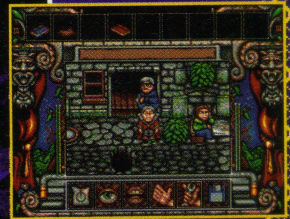
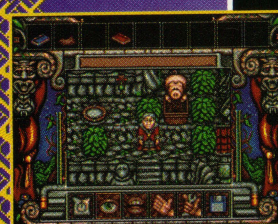
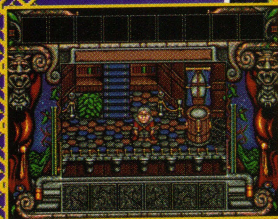
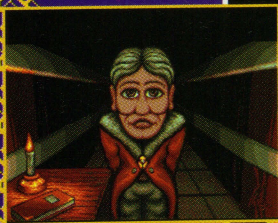
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A Marathon Mega Bite!

This bizarre little internet item turned up on our bulging news desk and features the fastest downloading interactive games for its size on the internet - phew! Your mission, should you decide to except it - is to search out the missing 'golden peanut'. You're tempted aren't you? I can tell. Anyway,



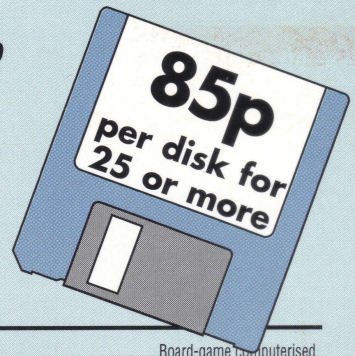
the aforementioned 'nut' has been transported into some kind of 'inner sanctum' within a complex maze on the 'net, and its your job to find it. Extra levels and new challenges await you throughout the year as you find keys, decipher tricky codes and race to locate that infamous golden nut. Apparently, this is only a small part of the SNICKERS MEGA BITE global magazine on the internet, and you can find out what else there is on offer when you point your browser to: <http://www.snickers.com>. Let's face it, it's bound to be a lot more interesting than surfing the world wide web for new Amiga products, innit?

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E086.....Wraithed One.....Fun quiz game
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E271.....Dinosaurs.....Quiz on Dinosaurs
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E436.....Mr. Greedy on Computer.....
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B140.....Text Engine.....Excellent word processor
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Ad326.....Wibble World Giddy.....Really good platform game
Ad500.....The Devils Abode (not 1.3).....3D Horror Adventure
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ARCADE + PLATFORM

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A011.....Blizzard.....Horizontal shoot-'em-up. High quality
A063.....Pacman.....The original classic
A157.....Quadrax.....A simple puzzle game
A214.....Parachute Joust.....Fight for parachute on descent. V. good
A243.....Tetren.....Excellent Tetris clone
A247.....Quiz Master.....Quiz which includes Editor
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A333.....Icerunner (N).....Recom. Brilliant platform game. 10 out of 10
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A524.....ASI 245.....3D Blocks/Pacman/Charr
A529.....Egg Scramble.....Mad but popular chicken runaround!
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A550.....Super Spaceballs.....2 player Galactic breakout
A554.....Charlie J Cool.....A limited commercial platformer
A558.....Jump em.....A colourful platform game
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Sim109.....Wheel of Fortune (N).....TV games computerized
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Sim444.....Ultimated Quiz.....Pub-quiz clone

- Sim505.....Scrabble.....Board-game computerised
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A099.....Caberet Asteroids (A500)
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Sp062.....3D Pool
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C092.....Cartoon clipart
Sp062.....3D Pool
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